GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF VIJAYWADA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has conducted any study of creating a hub in coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for the development of coastal airports for landing of medium sized passenger planes there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) & (b) :- No, Sir.

(c) & (d) :- At Vijayawada airport the existing runway has been strengthened and a new apron constructed with linked taxiway and the existing terminal building renovated for handling 100 passengers. The work was completed by July 1999. Airports Authority of India, jointly with Ministry of Defence and Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up a development project at Visakhapatnam airport. The details are as under:- Construction of a new runway of length 10,000 ft. capable of operation by Medium Capacity Long Rang(MCLR) aircraft. - Construction of new apron, link taxiway, part parallel taxiway and strengthening of existing apron and taxiways. - Installation of Navigational Aids and Ground lightingfacilities for all weather operation. - Construction of new integrated terminal building to handle domestic as well as International passengers, car park etc.

(e) :- Does not arise.